

Call to Order

Introductions and Call to Order at 6:30pm by Nathan Potter, Vice Chair.

Present

Nathan Potter, Vice-Chair; Barbara Chapnick (by phone), Chair; Ernie Conway; Mike Mulligan; Leslie Ruh; Mary Elizabeth Smith; Brian Walker; Richard Walker; Margaret Middleton, Staff Liaison; Councilor Betty Bode; Officer Jim Patrick, Officer Mark Barrowcliff;

Absent

Visitors

Jabra Khasho, City Traffic Engineer; Steve Boughton, Tigard Bike/Ped committee and Washington County BTC

Approval of Minutes

August 2012 minutes were approved without revision. 8/0

Staff Communications

Jabra Khasho presented information about sidewalk and bike lane improvements on 155th Ave. The city will be adding bike lanes and filling in missing sidewalks between SW Sexton Mountain Dr and SW Beard Rd. The committee reviewed the planned additions and the consensus of the committee members was that the city should proceed with the planned improvements.

Jabra Khasho reported that the Traffic Commission approved the Fanno Creek trail crossing on Hall Blvd. Unless appealed, the decision should appear on the consent agenda of the City Council in October.

Old Business

Bike Beaverton

Officers Barrowcliff and Patrick reported that the bike rodeo was a great success and very popular. They started at noon and kids were still riding the course until 4:30 when they finally decided to shut it down. They noted that many of the children riding the rodeo course showed improved skills in the brief time that they were participating in the rodeo. Next year, they want the rodeo course to be bigger. Officer Barrowcliff noted that Bike Beaverton demonstrated that the city can plan a bike event. He noted that "We can do this without cops shutting down the streets."

M.Middleton noted that this was the best Bike Beaverton ever and that the event went as planned with few complications. The helmet fittings were very popular and all three mechanics were kept busy. There were 233 participants, according to the signup sheets and the majority were families. However, most of the volunteers did not have participants fill out both sides of the form. The changes in the forms for this year made the forms more usable.

The Northwest Bicycle Safety Council gave away 90 bike helmets but did not anticipate the high demand for helmet fittings.

M.Smith reported that there was an accident on 142nd Ave when she was doing sweep but that the individual involved continued with the ride after receiving some first aid. She suggested that there should be a roving course marshal because the accident significantly delayed her progress and kept the course open for longer than necessary. After discussion, the committee agreed that there should be two people on sweep so that one could go on while the other could shepherd the remaining riders if needed.

L.Ruh suggested that the left at Bonnie Brae should be eliminated. However, it was noted that the turn was included because Schiffler Park was still under construction so next year, the route may once again go through Schiffler Park by making a right turn at Bonnie Brae and then cross Menlo Dr on Berthold.

People riding bikes in front of the registration tables, especially small kids, were an issue. B.Walker used chalk to designate a walk-bike zone when the safety issue became apparent at the event. On review, it was suggested bike parking be provided near the registration tables and flow patterns be blocked to dissuade riding through the area, especially by children.

Street markings were well placed this year thanks to the efforts of Mr. Khasho. The only concern was that the street marking on 22nd Street could have been placed slightly differently.

Committee members suggested a return of the around the City Park course for small children. The route had been a great success two years prior.

In the future, the ride should start on time. The start of the ride was delayed because of lines at the helmet fittings. M.Smith suggested that course marshals should be informed when the ride starts possibly through use of a mass text message. It would be nice to inform the course marshals when to expect riders. It would also help the course marshals to know who will be the sweep.

Course marshals were given specific instructions for the intersection at which they were stationed. Committee members noted the need for warning signs in some locations, such as at the hills on 142nd and Barlow Rd. to advise riders to slow down.

The Course marshals were a great help this year and the Boy Scouts were able to provide several volunteers. B.Walker suggested that a course marshal should be stationed at the trail entrance on 5th Ave for the returning riders. One of the ride marshals was not a good fit and he should not be invited to participate in that capacity again.

The committee agreed that Bike Beaverton should continue to be on Sunday on the same weekend as the parade. E.Conway will report the committee's intentions to the parade organizers.

Action Plan Items:

M.Smith reported that she will meet with the Youth Advisory Committee on Thursday, 20 September, to discuss starting bike clubs in Beaverton High Schools.

E.Conway has been discussing branding and collaboration with downtown merchants. He noted that First Friday shows that the downtown area does draw people and downtown merchants have had great success with the event.

M.Middleton will send out a copy of the action items for the next meeting.

Committee Communications

M.Smith and B.Chapnick rode in the Wilsonville Sunday Streets event. M.Smith reported that the event was nice but a little disorganized and did not have course monitors. The lack of connecting streets hampered the route. She noted that there were events at the park and that they were able to take advantage of a great wetlands area.

L.Ruh reported that the Tigard Bike and Ped committee discussed internal projects so he did not have much to report.

***Your City* Article Ideas (Mike Mulligan)**

M.Mulligan will write a recap of the Bike Beaverton event and a look ahead to year six.

Next Meeting and Volunteer for Minutes

The next meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 11 October 2012.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Walker